

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace numbered paragraphs [00051] – [00052] on pages 25-26 of the substitute specification (clean copy) with the following amended paragraph:

The previously described machine is followed downstream by a filter rod unit 100 which is ~~[[not]]~~ shown schematically in ~~[[the]]~~ Figures 2 and 6. This filter rod unit 100 among other things is provided with an apparatus 102 for wrapping paper around the tow rods 64, 66, as well as an adhesive applicator 104 for gluing the paper wrapped around the filter rod. The use of a slow-curing adhesive, in particular cold glue, or a fast-curing adhesive, especially hot-melt glue, is known. Owing to the different properties of these adhesives, it suggests itself to design the adhesive applicator 104 in such a way that both types of adhesive can be applied. The advantage of such a measure is that the fast-curing adhesive initially causes an immediate fixation of the wrapping paper while the slow-curing adhesive causes a permanent bonding. One disadvantage of a fast-curing adhesive such as hot-melt glue is its characteristic of losing its adhesive effect after some time. The dual application of a fast-curing and a slow-curing adhesive therefore offers itself, especially with high processing speeds. For lower processing speeds, on the other hand, the application of a slow-curing adhesive is sufficient, in particular for a partial-load operation which can be realized especially with the previously described dual-rod machine.

Finally, two independent removal devices 110a, 110b can be provided for transferring the products to two filter delivery units on two different cigarette makers. By providing separate removal devices of this type, which are ~~[[not]]~~ shown schematically in ~~[[the]]~~ Figures 2 and 6, it is possible to supply and operate different and in particular separately erected filter rod units or cigarette makers. Removal devices of this type preferably comprise a pusher drum or a transfer spider.